

# Annual Clifton Hill School Reunion held



MEMBERS OF THE CLASS of 1933 were among the graduates recognized at the 12th annual Clifton Hill School reunion held this past Sunday at the Westran Middle School. From left are George Hill, Clifton Hill; Ruby Pearl Gilchrist Cook of Taneville, Mo.; and Tom Stenton of Grass Valley, California.



THE OLDEST GRADUATE present for the 12th annual Clifton Hill School reunion was Vera Dodd Keen of Moberly, class of 1927.



TWO MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1928 were Oreta Christy Clemens of Clifton Hill and Edwin Byrum of Jefferson City, shown as they were recognized at the Sunday Clifton Hill School Reunion.



CLIFTON HILL SCHOOL REUNION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT Tara Hough is congratulated by this year's president, Ruby Rodgers Penrod.

About 85 people attended the Clifton Hill School Reunion held Sunday at the Westran Middle School.

President Ruby Penrod opened the meeting followed with prayer by Jimmy Patton. Following the meal the group sang "In the Garden" with Betty Clayburg at the piano. The pledge of allegiance was repeated. Mrs. Penrod thanked her helpers, Eula Hill and Helen Mayo for registering the guests and Lucy Vaughn for taking pictures.

Oreta Clemens conducted a memorial service for students and teachers who had attended the Clifton Hill School and are now deceased. The students were Larry Hughes, Ronnie Mason, Raymond L. Reynolds, Arthur McLean, Gladys Friday Hammack, J.E. Canote, Jimmie Peters, and David Benton. Teachers were Virginia Lay Pearman and Leta Essig Palmer. Mrs. Clemens read a poem and closed with a prayer.

There were 12 applicants for the \$200.00 scholarship from the Clifton Hill School Reunion Association. Tara Hough was presented the \$200.00 scholarship for this year and thanked the group.

Betty Mayo gave a reading, read clippings from her diary and told jokes. Ruth Fotovich, food chairman, thanked her

helpers. Mrs. Penrod reported that Velma Ryals decorated the tables and Ada Smith made the flower arrangements.

The 1996 officers: Ruby Penrod, president; Velma Ryals, vice president; and Barbara Roling, secretary and treasurer were voted in for their same positions next year. It was agreed to have the 13th annual reunion on Memorial Sunday at the same location.

Helen Mayo, Virginia Lotspeich and Barbara Roling told about their first days in school.

Students were recognized from the class of 1927 to 1956 which was the last year for Clifton Hill graduates as Clifton Hill was consolidated with Huntsville and became known as Westran.

- Classes represented were as follows:
- 1927-Vera Lee Dodd Keen;
  - 1928-Oreta Christy Clemens and Edwin Byrum;
  - 1929-Ruth Stenton Wilson and Lucy Kruse Harris;
  - 1930-Mary Ann Potter Shores and Helen Bybee Mayo;
  - 1932-Edna Mae McCollum Vaughn;
  - 1933-Tom Stenton, George Hill and Ruby Pearl Gilchrist Cook;
  - 1934-Josephine Fidler Baker, Elizabeth Brockman Clayburg, Eula Burton Hill;

- 1936-Willard Eugene Morrissy;
  - 1937-Doris Glasser Stamback and Dorothy Glasser Bagby;
  - 1938-Tom Rodgers and Raymond Meyers;
  - 1939-Vera Mae Fidler Forbes, Laverna Burton Kruse, and Mary Evelyn Christy Minor;
  - 1940-Georgia Stenton Hardgrove, Mary Elora Hill Stafford, and Hugh Hardgrove;
  - 1942-Eula Mae Dennis Gosseen;
  - 1943-Mary Birch Mayo Schuman and Jess Schupback;
  - 1944-Vergal Paul Shives Jr.;
  - 1945-Gene Henderson;
  - 1947-Mary Lee Brown Cochran;
  - 1948-Barbara Shives Roling and William Lee Harris;
  - 1950-Virginia Eubank Harris;
  - 1951-Edwin Kimbrough;
  - 1952-Sherman Clemens;
  - 1954-Danita Wilson Eagan and Jimmy Patton;
  - 1955-Ruth Rodgers Fotovich, Ruby Rodgers Penrod and Gary Campbell;
  - 1956-Ronnie Shives.
- Jess Schupback announced that he has published a book "Common Sense Isn't So Common" and will give \$5.00 to the Clifton Hill School Association for each book sold.
- Veterans were recognized and thanked for their service.
- The group voted to give a \$200.00 scholarship again next year.
- Ruth Fotovich closed the meeting with prayer.